Dehradun-New Delhi Jan Shatabdi Express by-passing Saharanpur has been introduced. 2017/2018 New Delhi-Dehradun Shatabdi Express is the fastest train between New Delhi and Dehradun.

Train between Mumbai and Goa

2479. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway propose to introduce a fast train between Mumbai and Goa, to cover the distance within five to six hours;

(b) if so, whether it is going to be the fastest train in India;

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the main features of the train and its cost; and

(d) the progress made in this direction so far, and by when the services are likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Introduction of high-speed trains on Indian Railways is an ongoing process. At present, there is no such proposal to introduce a fast train between Mumbai and Goa, which cover the distance in 5 to 6 hours. However, permission of Commissioner of Railway Safety is being sought to conduct speed trials on Madgaon-Roha (excluding) section.

Connecting rail tracks with electric circuits

†2480. SHRIMATISAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme under consideration to connect rail tracks with electric circuits to make train journey more safe and to prevent accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rail coaches are being modified for this purpose; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Track circuting at stations is being provided in a phased manner. Priorities have been assigned route-wise. Progress, an on 31.10.2002, is shown in the Statement. (See below) Fouling Mark to Fouling Mark track circuiting has already been completed at all stations on A.B.C, Dspl & D routes where train run at a speed in excess of 75 Kmph. Track circuiting on other portions of stations is also being progressed in a phased manner.

(c) No, Sir. All coaches are fit to run on track circuited routes.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Status of Track-Circuiting on IR (As on 31.10.2002)

Route (BG)	A	B	c	DSpl	D	Espl	E	Total
Total Stns.	984	1137	135	331	1030	195	890	4702
Type of TC								
(a) FM-FM								
No. of stns	814	1137	128	320	1032	180	814	4425
Provided	814	1137	128	320	1018	87	279	3783
Work in Progress	0	0	0	0	14	93	517	624
Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
(b) FM-BSL (St.)								
No. of stns	818	1138	124	331	1034	197	795	4437
Provided	818	1103	121	191	768	120	248	3369
Work in progress	0	35	3	140	266	64	20	528
Balance	0	0	0	0	0	20	520	540
(c) FM-BSL (T/O)								
No. of stns	818	1137	124	323	1038	188	791	4419
Provided	782	912	75	134	665	47	164	2779
Work in progress	36	225	49	189	264	51	23	859
Balance	0	0	0	0	109	90	603	802

Route (BG)	A	B	C	DSpl	D	Espl	E	Total
(d) FM-HOME (St.)								
No. of Stns	818	1092	128	323	983	188	735	4267
Provided	818	1009	125	127	645	49	162	2937
Work in progress	0	83	3	196	337	52	21	690
Balance	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**87**	**552**	**639**
(e) FM-HOME (T/O)								
No. of stns	818	1093	128	323	983	188	735	4268
Provided	751	881	107	131	642	49	158	2719
Work in progress	66	212	21	192	233	52	23	799
Balance	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**109**	**87**	**554**	**750**
(F) LOOP-LINE								
No. of stns	755	1128	117	313	1034	152	773	4272
Provided	539	732	51	122	604	11	150	2209
Work in propgress	205	357	66	154	237	50	25	1094
Balance	**0**	**34**	**0**	**37**	**187**	**91**	**598**	**947**

Rail Cargo Depot at Visakhapatnam

2481. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to negotiate with the Container Corporation of India, for setting up a cargo division depot at Visakhapatnam, to provide sufficient transportation for agriculture, acquaculture and horticulture products in the State; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken to expedite the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) is already operating a rail linked container transfer facility inside Visakhapatnam port. CONCOR is also studying the feasibility of setting up a container terminal at Visakhapatnam to provide transportation for containerized cargo.